

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others; and,

Whereas, Bill Rogers has given 45 years of dedicated service to Sioux Falls Ford, beginning on December 21, 1959, for what was then named Sioux Ford as a parts runner. Bill quickly moved into his current position as Parts Counterman and the business changed names over the years to Sioux Motors, Ben Hur Ford and most recently to Sioux Falls Ford; and,

Whereas, The business has had five different owners and has changed locations; one thing has remained constant, Bill Rogers; and,

Whereas, Bill and his wife, Rose, have 5 children: Scott, Bob, Cindi, Paul, and Nicole, and ten grandchildren with whom they can spend more time; and,

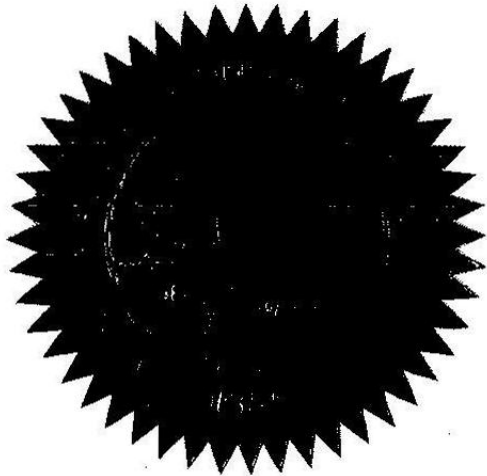
Whereas, Bill thoroughly enjoys pheasant hunting, which he has shared with many of his friends and coworkers over the years at his home in Gann Valley and will participate even more after his retirement; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan as Bill's coworkers, family, and friends gather on January 14, 2005, to honor and congratulate him on his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 14, 2005, as

BILL ROGERS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his coworkers, friends, and family as they recognize Bill for his commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State